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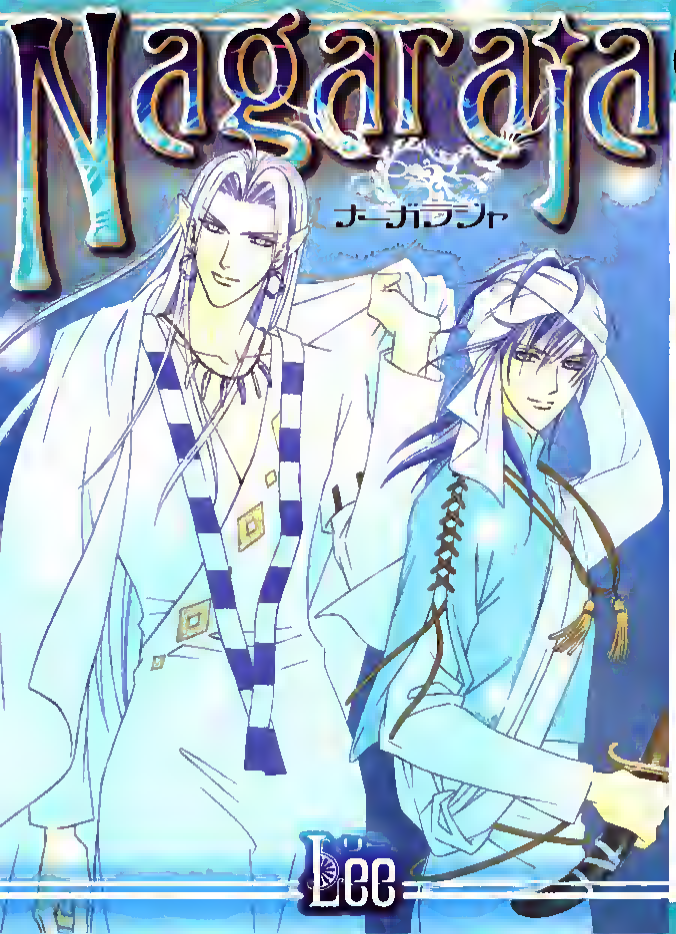

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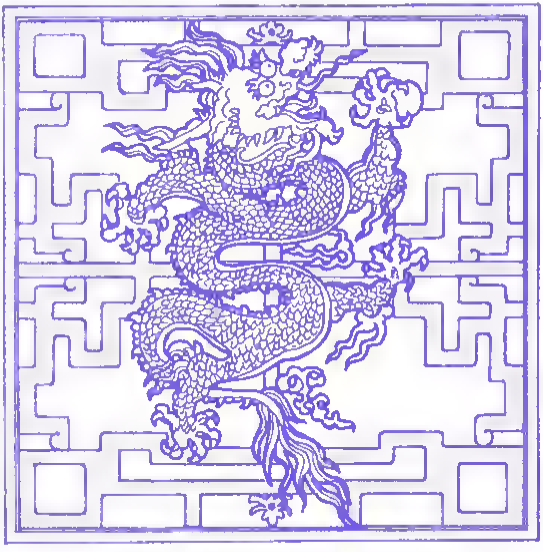

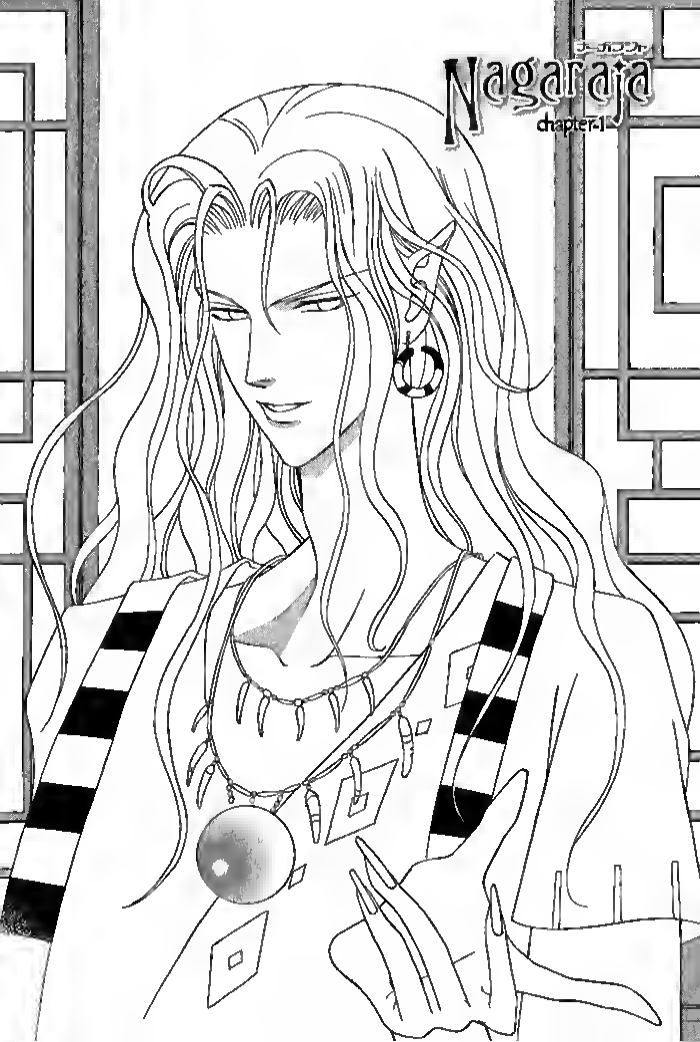
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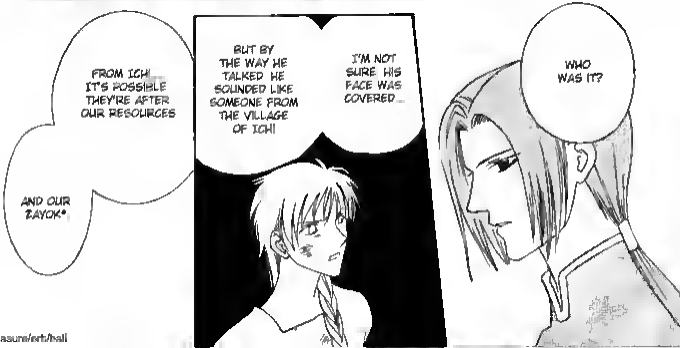
THIS IS THE VILLAGE OF GO.
IN EVERY VILLAGE OR TOWN, THERE IS A NAGA.
THEY ARE THE ONES WHO GOVERN OVER THE RAINFALL,
AND SO, IN THE VILLAGE OF GO ..

IT'S ALREADY BEEN OVER A HUNDRED DAYS SINCE THE LAST RAIN
OUR RESERVES HAVE RUN DRY AS WELL.
HOW MANY DAYS HAS IT BEEN?
THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A NAGA-RAJA,
BUT...
Naga are Snake King or a human-snake deity
EVEN THE SICKLY ARE GROWING IN NUMBER.
W-WATER PLEASE
MOTHER, THERE IS ONLY A LITTLE LEFT
WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING
AREN'T YOU A SHAMAN?
CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING, KOURI?
CAN'T YOU CALL THE NAGA?

WHAT? OF COURSE I CAN'T DO IT
IF SANGA FAILED TO CALL OUT THE NAGA, THEN FOR ME IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE
BESIDES I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN A NAGA BEFORE
THOUGH I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT IT FROM GRANDMOTHER
KOUKI
YOUR COMPLEX OVER YOUR BROTHER INFLUENCES YOU TOO MUCH
THAT CAN'T BE HELPED SANGA WAS ALWAYS BETTER THAN ME
OUR FAMILY LINE HAS HONORED THE NAGARAJA FOR MANY YEARS
WHAT ARE THE NAGARAJA?
WELL,
THE NAGARAJA ARE DIVINE AND GRACEFUL BEINGS...
WITH BEAUTIFUL, WAVY, SILVER HAIR AND CLEAR, BRILLIANT EYES

WHAA
WHEN THEIR POWERS ARE USED THEIR BODIES GLOW A GOLDEN COLOR
NEVER AGING OR DIE
THEY ARE WISE, DEEP THINKERS.
THEY HIDE DEEP UNDERGROUND DRINK AMURITA,
AND WHAT'S MORE,
IT SEEMS THE NAGA MAKE SEVERAL DEMANDS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RAINFALL
IT WOULD BE HORRIBLE IF WE HAD TO OFFER A SACRIFICE
EVERYONE, COME QUICK!
WE HAVE A PROBLEM!


FROM IGH... IT'S POSSIBLE THEY'RE AFTER OUR RESOURCES
AND OUR RAYOK*
BUT BY THE WAY HE TALKED HE SOUNDED LIKE SOMEONE FROM THE VILLAGE OF IGH!
I'M NOT SURE HIS FACE WAS COVERED...
WHO WAS IT?

*treasure/art/ball

EVEN WITH DROUGHT UPON US THOSE ICHI BASTARDS STILL WON'T LEAVE US ALONE!
AT THIS RATE THEY'RE GOING TO CRUSH OUR VILLAGE!
KOURI, AT LEAST PERFORM THE RAIN-CALLING CEREMONY
LIKE I SAID, ASK SANGA.
STOP WITH THE SUB-SERVIENT WHINING!
YOU ARE MORE SUITED FOR THIS THAN YOUR BROTHER.
WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF A DROUGHT AND THE NEIGHBORING VILLAGES HATE US SOON WE WILL BE AT OUR LIMIT AND OUR PEOPLE WILL DIE
RATHER THAN SAYING 'I CAN'T' IT'S BETTER TO TRY
YOU WILL PERFORM THE CEREMONY TOMORROW UNDERSTOOD?
H...
HUH!?

ARE YOU READY KOURI-SAMA?
MY,
KOURI, YOU LOOK SURPRISINGLY HANDSOME!
And... surprisingly?
IN WHAT WAY?
IT'S UN-PLEASANT
WELL THEN, LET'S GO
THIS WAY

I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO COMPARE TO MY BROTHER,

AND SO I RAN AWAY FROM WHAT I SHOULD'VE BEEN DOING

NOT JUST FOR OUR VILLAGE BUT FOR MYSELF AS WELL

THIS TIME...

CLINK

STOP WITH THE SUBSERVIENT ATTITUDE!

IT'S TRUE I WAS JUST RUNNING AWAY

HUH...?
IS THAT KOURI-SAMA?
HE SEEMS LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON.

HMM?
WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?
HOW ODD
CAN NO ONE ELSE SEE IT?
TOUCH THAT LIGHT
I WANT TO
oooh
oooh

HUH?
SWOOSH
WHO'S THERE?
KOURI-SAMA!
TH · UNK

WHAT WAS THAT!?
THE SHAMAN WAS SHOT!
KOURI!
DAMMIT! HE RAN AWAY!
PULL
Ow!
GRAB

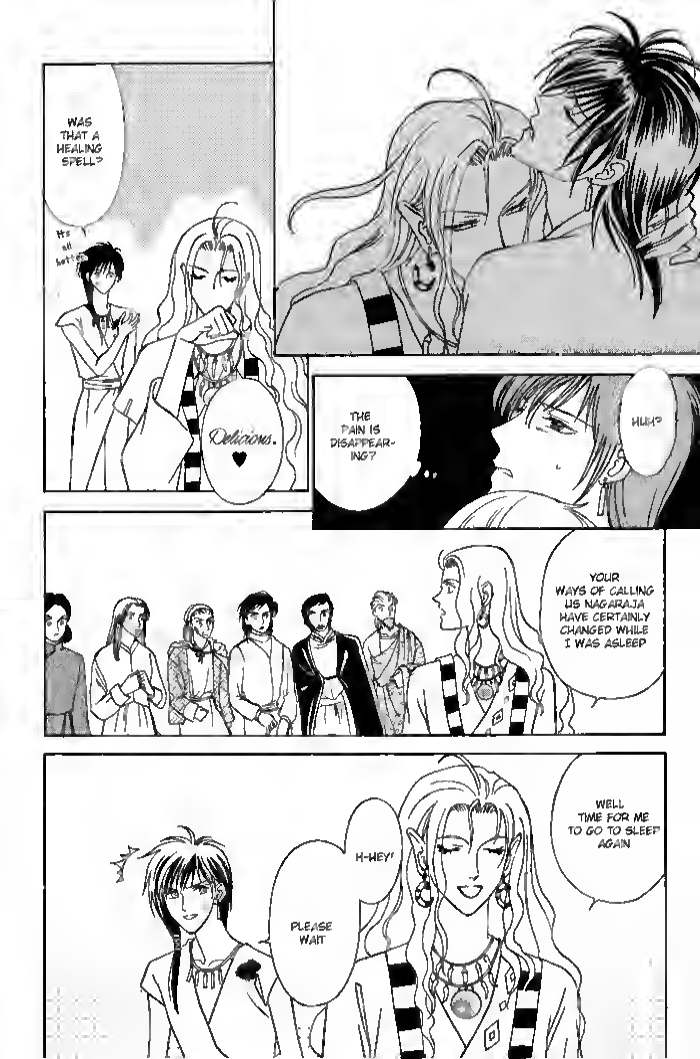
UN-
LINDER-
STOOD.
IT
MIGHT HELP
YOU FIND
A CLUE
About the assailant
IT'S
NOT A
SERIOUS
WOUND
MORE
IMPORTANTLY
TAKE THIS
ARROW
DOES
NO ONE
ELSE
SEE IT?
THE LIGHT
I THOUGHT IT
MAY HAVE
VANISHED,
BUT
IT'S SHINING
BRIGHTER
THAN BEFORE
PLEASE
WAIT A BIT
KOURI-SAMA.
WE ARE
BRINGING
THE HEALING
HERBS
NOW

PULSE
KOURI-SAMA?
WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?
THERE WAS NOTHING THERE BEFORE.

IT'S FORMING INTO A PERSON!
OH!
THIS IS....

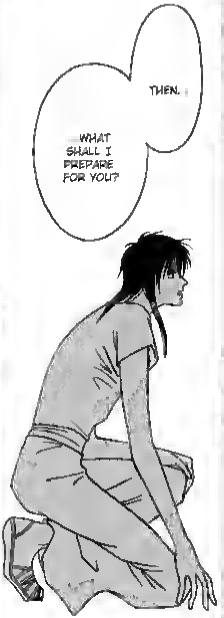
THE NAGARUJA ARE DIVINE AND GRACEFUL BEINGS...
...WITH BEAUTIFUL WAVY SILVER HAIR AND CLEAR, BRILLIANT EYES
Hey!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

WHO AWOKE ME?
WAS IT YOU...
I SMELLED BLOOD
Y-
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BE...
WHAT ...?
GRAB


WAS THAT A HEALING SPELL?
It's all better!
Delicious.
THE PAIN IS DISAPPEARING?
HUH?
YOUR WAYS OF CALLING US NAGARAJA HAVE CERTAINLY CHANGED WHILE I WAS ASLEEP
WELL TIME FOR ME TO GO TO SLEEP AGAIN
H-HEY!
PLEASE WAIT

TO THE POINT WHERE OUR OWN VILLAGERS ARE BEING WOUNDED
FOR A WHILE NOW WE'VE BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE DRY WEATHER
OUR RESOURCES ARE BEING THREATENED BY THE NEIGHBORING VILLAGES...
PLEASE LEND US YOUR POWER SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE LIVING!
I DON'T LIKE DOING THINGS...
FOR FREE

" THE NAGA MAKE SEVERAL DEMANDS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RAINFALL "

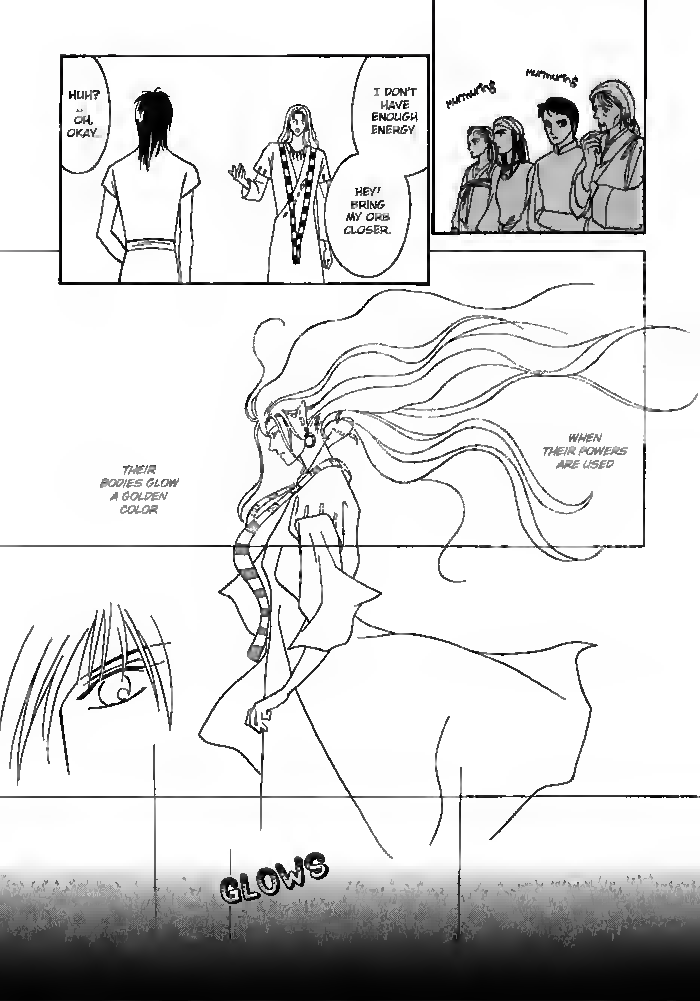


THE NAGA'S WEAK POINT IS—

Tightly
Hugging
HUH?
HEY!
Jerk

YOU BASTARD! MY ORB!!
I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THIS NOT ONLY ARE YOU UNABLE TO USE MOST OF YOUR POWERS
BUT IF SEPARATED FOR A LONG TIME IT WILL BE TIED TO YOUR VERY LIFE
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
ARE YOU A DESCENDANT OF THE SHIRATSUYU THAT TRIED DIVIDING MY POWER?
WHY DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH?
HUH ...?
I WILL... ONCE YOU MAKE IT RAIN.
GIVE BACK MY ORB!

AAHHH-HHH!!
YOU ABSORBED MY ORB!!!!
Even Kaun's a little bit surprised
MY I HAD NO IDEA KOURI HAD THAT ABILITY
GODDAMN IT! AS LONG AS I MAKE IT RAIN, RIGHT? AS LONG AS IT RAINS
YOU'RE FINALLY IN THE MOOD?
THERE
...


HUH?
...
OH, OKAY.
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY
HEY! BRING MY ORB CLOSER.
MURMURS
MURMURS
WHEN THEIR POWERS ARE USED
THEIR BODIES GLOW A GOLDEN COLOR
GLOWS

drip
drip
drip
drip
IT'S RAINING,
BUT ONLY DROP-LETS
IT'S RAINING!!
OOH!
COME HERE.
HEY!
IF I'M NOT CLOSER, YOU CAN'T RELEASE YOUR POWER?

AH...
THAT'S RIGHT.
POUM

pour
pour
F-FINALLY...
IT'S THE BLESSED RAIN!
IF I DON'T DO THAT MUCH, I CAN'T GET ENOUGH POWER.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
NAGA?
I'M WIPED OUT...

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO NAGA-SAMA?
WHAT HAP-PENED?
HE'S SLEEPING
peacefully sleeping
I'M JUST AS TROUBLED AND UPSET ABOUT THIS AS YOU
TALK ABOUT A WEAK NAGA.
THANKS TO THAT I'M FORCED TO BE NEXT TO YOU THE ENTIRE TIME
EVEN THOUGH I WAS TAUGHT THAT THE NAGA'S ORB WAS THEIR WEAK POINT...
I'VE NEVER ONCE HEARD ABOUT THE ORB ASSIMILATING ITSELF WITH SOMEONE
NAGARAJA-SAMA,

NOT AT ALL SANGA! THAT WAS JUST HOW THINGS WENT...
KOURI, YOU ARE ALSO AMAZING. I'VE CHANGED MY THOUGHTS ABOUT YOU
I'M AM KOURI'S OLDER BROTHER, SANGA
THANK YOU FOR THE RAINFALL TODAY.
PLEASE ENJOY YOURSELF IF EVEN JUST A LITTLE
WELL, YOU'RE CERTAINLY MODEST
NAGA-SAMA.
YES, THAT'S THE OLDER BROTHER I'M SO PROUD OF
SO THAT'S YOUR OLDER BROTHER, HUH?
I SEE

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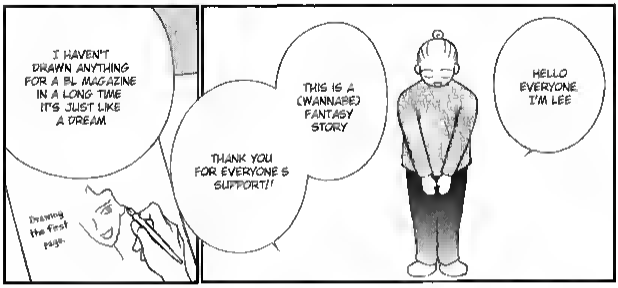
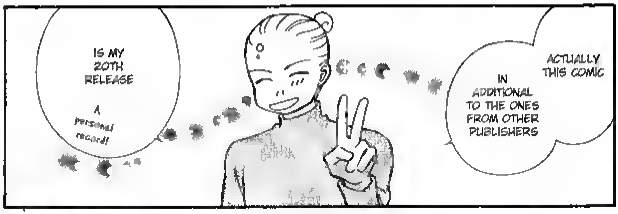
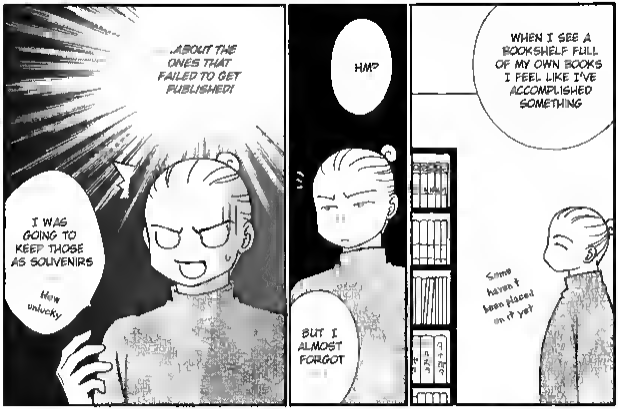

I HAVEN'T DRAWN ANYTHING FOR A BL MAGAZINE IN A LONG TIME IT'S JUST LIKE A DREAM
Drawing the first page.
THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE'S SUPPORT!!
THIS IS A (WANNABE) FANTASY STORY
HELLO EVERYONE I'M LEE




...ABOUT THE ONES THAT FAILED TO GET PUBLISHED!
I WAS GOING TO KEEP THOSE AS SOUVENIRS
How unlucky
HM?
BUT I ALMOST FORGOT
WHEN I SEE A BOOKSHELF FULL OF MY OWN BOOKS I FEEL LIKE I'VE ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING
Some haven't been placed on it yet

Nakama needs YOU!

Qcers: Cut to the chase

Nakama is in need of anal retentive slightly masochistic/sadistic (depends on the day) and deadline orientated Qcers who can do the following

1 Spelling
+ Pretty self-explanatory

2 Grammar
+ This includes things like common mix-up cases for example then vs than these vs this etc
+ Make sure tenses are consistent, i e past stays past, present stays present
+ Watch for bad word splits Splits should always occur during natural syllable breaks sum-mer grop-ing cell bate etc
+ Keep an eye out for missing words "Did you let dog out?" should be "Did you let THE dog out?"

3 Punctuation
+ Ellipsis should always be in groups of three "..." "...." etc
+ Watch for abuse of "-","–","—" etc
+ Interrobangs should always be "!?" not "?!"

4 Non-centered dialogue bubble text.
+ Text should always be as close to centered as possible

5 Untranslated SFX
+ All SFX should be translated If there is a large hard-to-clone SFX hanging around make sure there's a <sfx sound effect here> translation nearby

6 Proper flow
+ If something strikes you as out of place, i e formal dialogue that shouldn't be there – feel free to make note and reword it. "May I use the restroom?" vs Yo where's the crapper?" vs "Do you know where the bathroom is?"
+ If you feel something flows better reworded, make note and do so

7 Cosmetic flaws
+ Does the page seem crooked?
+ Is white white and black black?
+ This is rare, as editors usually catch these types of things but everyone hes an off day every once in a while So don't be afraid to point something out if it strikes you as strange.

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Episode 1 : Translators wanted

secrets within #nstaff

<kikiireru>lets whore it out, with a request message.
<kikiireru> @_@
<kikiireru>haka i need your witty humor, something to get translators to join us
<kikiireru> >.<
<hakanai-[work]> oooh. *ponders*
<hakanai-[work]> a haiku: a stable of bisb / for those Japanese fluent / nakama owns all okay kidding...
<hakanai-[work]> errr... the wit fails me today. o.o
* kikiireru kicks
<kikiireru>: for some reason ppl are scared of nakama
<hakanai-[work]> hehe. i suppose it's because you've been around forever. and take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> but who wants shit anyway.
<hakanai-[work]> wanted: japanese translators who take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> i wonder if that can be written in strange kanji that can have a totally different meaning.
<Artemis> hmmm... no shit? *thinks*

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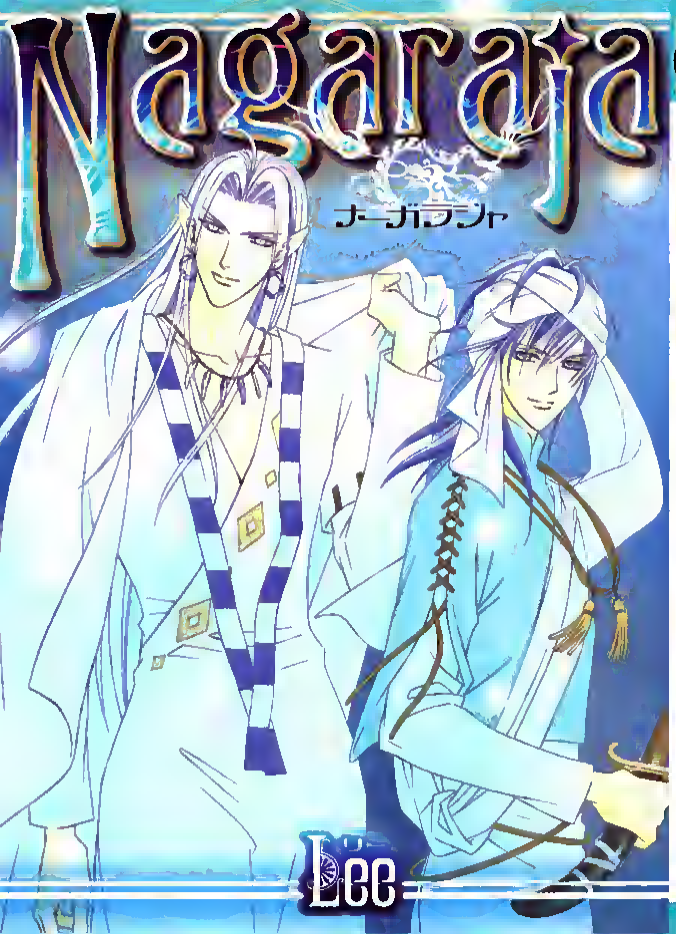

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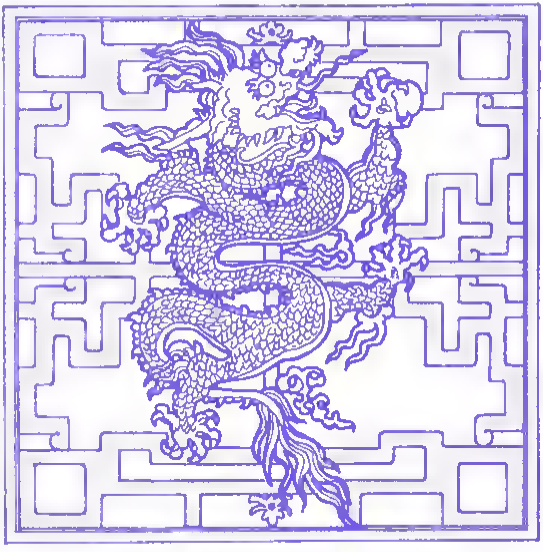

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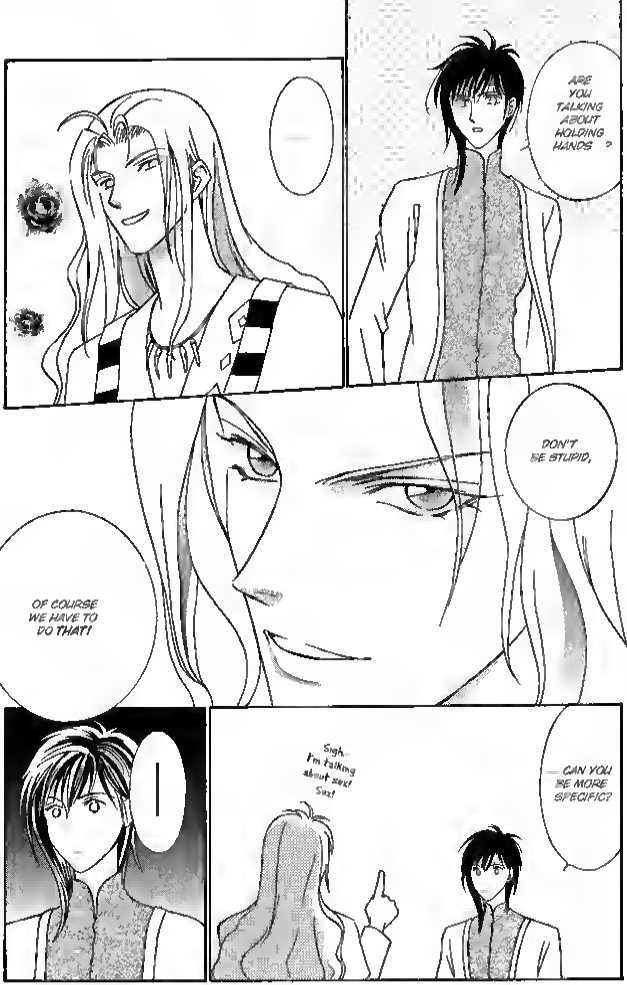
WHAT IS IT, NAGA-RAJA?
MY WOUNDS DON'T HURT ANYMORE THANKS TO YOUR POWER.
RUB
REALLY ?
LHM
gasp
HEY DON'T LICK MY WOUND THAT'S DISGUSTING

ARE YOU REALLY DISGUSTED?
I TOLD YOU TO STOP!
YOU...
AH—!

SHOCK
IT WAS ONLY A DREAM...
WHY WOULD I DREAM SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
DEPRESSED

I THINK,
IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF...
ARGH! SO ANNOYING...
...YESTERDAY WHEN NAGARAJA SAID...
I NEED THE SPHERE IN ORDER TO USE MY POWERS.
ACTUALLY...

I REALIZE I ABSORBED YOUR SPHERE BUT YOU SAID YOU ONLY NEEDED TO BE CLOSE TO ME TO USE YOUR POWERS
SO FEEL FREE TO COME CLOSE WHENEVER THE NEED ARISES.
BUT IT CAN'T BE LIKE LAST TIME WHEN YOU SUCKED OUT THE POWER DIRECTLY FROM MY MOUTH
OUR BODIES MUST BE TIGHTLY WOVEN TOGETHER FOR ME TO COMPLETELY UTILIZE MY POWERS
SO YOU JUST HAVE TO WORK WITH ME HERE
YOU KNOW FOR A SHAMAN, YOU ARE REALLY NAIVE
WOVEN TOGETHER?


ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT HOLDING HANDS?
DON'T BE STUPID,
OF COURSE WE HAVE TO DO THAT!
I
Sigh... I'm talking about sex! Sex!
—CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC?

THERE IS NO WAY THAT IS HAPPENING
Nagaraja, you are so handsome!

NAGA-RAJA
OH, IT'S THE SHAMAN
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU THAT THE ELDER WAS WAITING FOR YOU AT THE TEMPLE
He is just as handsome!
It's master Kaun!
OH... WELL WE WERE JUST HAVING A BIT OF A FEAST HERE
WHY?
NAGA-RAJA?
I MUST GO LADIES SEE YOU LATER
THIS IS THEIR WAY OF THANKING ME!
WHY SHOULD I TURN IT DOWN?
ARE YOU A CHILD?

PLEASE COME INSIDE
NAGARAJA, WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT YOU HAVE COME ALL THE WAY HERE

NAGA-RAJA,
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'RE HERE
WE SUMMONED YOU HERE TO OFFER OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE RAIN
I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT GETTING UP
THAT'S FINE. YOU ARE OLD AFTER ALL
I AM SHIGINO, AND THIS IS SANGA
IT IS MY PLEASURE TO SEE YOU.
IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE I SAW YOU LAST
THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU
I WAS STILL A YOUNG MAN
THERE AREN'T MANY LEFT WHO WERE PRESENT AT THAT MEETING
DO YOU REMEMBER?

I WAS ASLEEP THE WHILE TIME, SO I DIDN'T REALLY FEEL THE TIME PASSING.
I REMEMBER...
...BUT YOU'VE GOTTEN SO OLD.
AFTER ALL, YOU ARE NOT HUMAN
THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED
I AM SIMPLY THANKFUL THAT YOU HAVE APPEARED NOW
SINCE THAT TIME THE VILLAGES HAVE BEEN SLOWLY DISAPPEARING.
BECAUSE THE CRISIS HASN'T BEEN SOLVED
A CRISIS INDEED.

THAT'S RIGHT. MOREOVER, IT SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE ALSO SOME SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE ABOUT.
THAT IS—
NAGA-RAJA,
THE MOST RECENT ATTACK WAS THE ONE DURING THE CEREMONY

THAT ONE?
DO THE DEMONIC ONES YOU SPEAK OF HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH SANGA?
WHAT?
NOTHING IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOU GUYS ARE BIOLOGICAL BROTHERS
Hmph
DON'T COMPARE ME AND MY BROTHER LIKE EVERYONE ELSE IS DOING
IT'S JUST HOW I FEEL
I HATE BEING COMPARED TO MY BROTHER
YOU!
WHY DO YOU GET SO WORKED UP EVERY TIME THE TOPIC OF YOUR BROTHER ENTERS THE CONVER-SATION?

HE AND I DON'T LOOK ALIKE
BECAUSE WE ARE NOT RELATED BY BLOOD
I'M SORRY
ARE YOU LONELY?
I'M NOT THAT FRAGILE
I WAS ABANDONED AS A BABY LEFT AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE VILLAGE
I COULD BE A CHILD OF THE DEMONS FOR ALL I KNOW

IF THEY HADN'T PICKED ME UP THEN, I PROBABLY WOULD'VE DIED
MY GRANDMOTHER AND BROTHER WERE THE ONES WHO RAISED ME
THEY ARE LIKE MY REAL FAMILY... SO I'M NOT LONELY
BUT AFTER YOUR BROTHER LEFT SURELY YOU MUST THINK OF HIM ALL THE TIME?
LET'S LET'S STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS

BUT AFTER YOUR BROTHER LEFT, SURELY YOU MUST THINK OF HIM ALL THE TIME?
HAVE SOME FAITH IN YOURSELF!
I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT
THAT PERHAPS I HAVE SOME DEMON BLOOD IN ME
STILL...
SANGA HAS BEEN ACTING VERY STRANGE LATELY

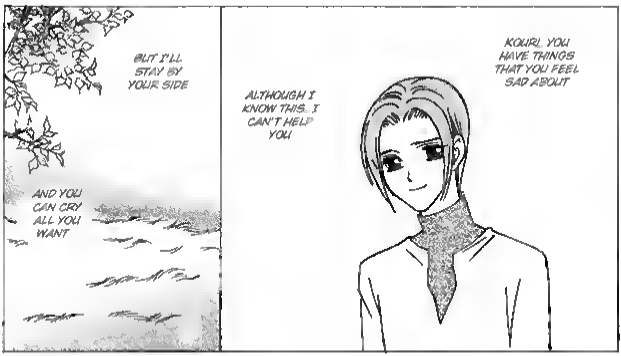
ALL THE CEREMONIES HE PERFORMED FAILED!
AND LIFE IS RETURNING BACK TO NORMAL FOR THE VILLAGERS
BUT AT LEAST THE SITUATION HAS GOTTEN BETTER.

FROM THE DISTINCTIVE DECORATION ON THE ARROW I WOULD SAY THAT IT IS FROM THE VILLAGE OF THEFIFTH
MASTER KOURI,
THIS IS THE ARROW FROM LAST TIME...
I THOUGHT AS MUCH.
I'VE SEEN THEIR VILLAGES DECORATED AS SUCH BEFORE.
I'LL DISCUSS IT FURTHER WITH THE ELDER.
THANK YOU.
YOU'RE WELCOME.

I WOULD HAVE NEVER THOUGHT
THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SUMMON THE NAGARAJA
HE S WITH KOURI?
BUT WITH HIS POWERS HE ACCOMPLISHED IT
AND NOW THE VILLAGE OF GO CAN BE SAVED.
I DIDN'T THINK MY PLANS WOULD FAIL

THAT TIME
IT'S TOO BAD WE DIDN'T KILL HIM DURING THE CEREMONY
HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU PLAN ON KEEPING ME HERE?
SURELY I CAN NO LONGER BE OF ANY USE TO YOU
THINGS HAVE ONLY BEGUN.
WE STILL HAVE A USE FOR YOU

ARE YOU CRYING?
KOURI...
KOURI DO YOU COME OUT HERE TO CRY...
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING TO ME?
I'M SORRY SANGA I DIDN'T MEAN TO CRY
EVERY TIME YOU FEEL SAD?
SANGA.


KOURI, YOU HAVE THINGS THAT YOU FEEL SAD ABOUT
ALTHOUGH I KNOW THIS... I CAN'T HELP YOU
@LIT I'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE
AND YOU CAN CRY ALL YOU WANT

OKAY, KOURI?
THEN WE'LL GO HOME TOGETHER.

...OKAY...

SANGA.
OH, YOU'RE AWAKE

I wanted to kill you painlessly.
SA. SANGA!?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
OH... I WANTED TO...
WH-T...?

I knew you had the power.
And you did it, didn't you?
It was I who placed the curse of the drought upon this village.
But you went and summoned the Nagaraja.
Even in your dreams, you kept calling out Sanga. Do you really like him that much?
HE IS...

WHO IS HE?
Oh well
HE ISN'T SANGA ...!?
I will have to kill you in order to get the sphere.
Thus Nagaraja will become powerless.

BEAT
I'll kill you, wearing the face of the brother you love!
SLASH
You'll die happy, won't you?

You won't be able to dodge the next one,
Kouri
NA...
NAGARAJA!
SLASH
DID YOU CALL ME?

YOU IDIOT, DON'T GET CARELESS JUST BECAUSE YOU SAW YOUR BROTHER'S FACE.
YOU SHOULD'VE CALLED FOR ME EARLIER.

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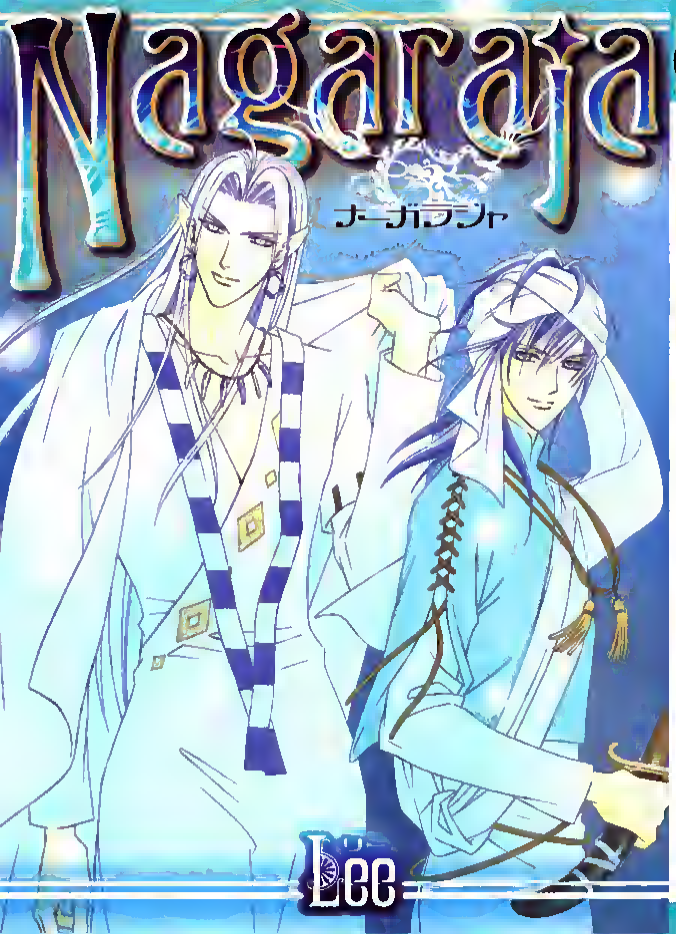

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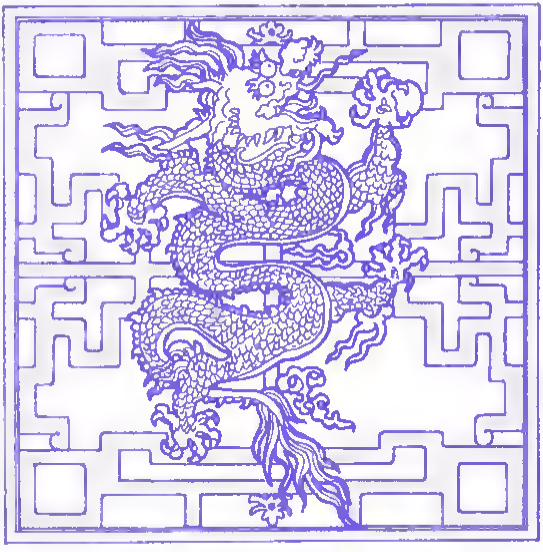

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NAGA-RAJA...
Naga-raja!
DON'T TOUCH HIM!
THE SPHERE WILL BE DESTROYED IF YOU DO
Hm?
The sphere, you say?

You are a snake who has lost his sphere.
Killing you will be as easy as killing a mortal.
NOT NECESSARILY
He disappeared!?
Damn it,
where did he go..?
Fade

EVEN THOUGH MY STRENGTH LIES IN CALLING FORTH THE RAIN...
Na...
Naga-ra-ja...!
KILLING IS A FAR SIMPLER FEAT FOR ME.

AH!
SANGA...!
pierce
I'VE INJECTED POISON INTO YOUR NECK
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY YOU HAD BETTER SAY IT NOW
UGH...

SANGA...
PLEASE SAVE ME...
KOUR!
Shift
HIS HAND...!

IT'S ME... IT'S SANGA
I WAS BEING CONTROLLED BEFORE
BUT NOW IT'S REALLY ME
DON'T LISTEN TO NAGARAJA'S LIES!

HE IS BUT AN IMPOSTOR, WEARING YOUR BROTHER'S FACE
SHAMAN!
IT IS UP TO YOU TO BELIEVE WHAT YOU WANT, HOWEVER.
CON-TROLLED ?
DO YOU REMEMBER?
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO CHEER ME UP?
SANGA...
WHENEVER I WAS SAD, YOU USED TO COME AND STAY WITH ME IN OUR SPECIAL PLACE.

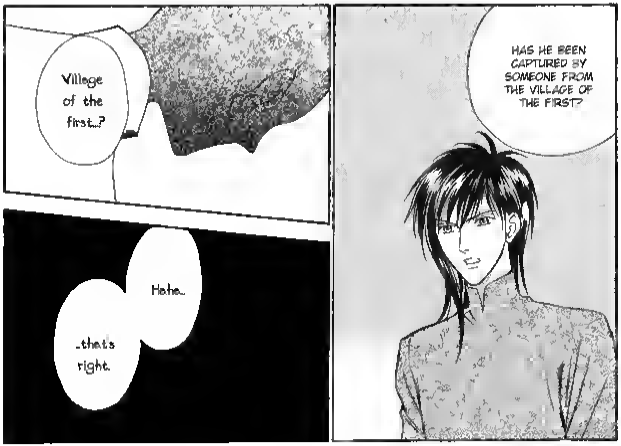
KO
KOURI
DON'T YOU DARE USE THAT FACE TO CALL MY NAME.

crackle
!

SHOW YOUR TRUE SELF!
HOW DARE YOU TRY TO IMITATE SANGA!
!!

AHH!!
tremble
tremble
SO THIS IS YOUR TRUE FACE?
YOU LOOK NOTHING LIKE SANGA

OR IS IT HIS OWN POWER AS A SHAMAN?
IS THIS THE POWER FROM MY SPHERE?
HOW ...?
Damn it.
BEFORE YOU DIE...
...TELL ME WHERE THE REAL SANGA IS.


Village of the first...?
Hehe..
..that's right.
HAS HE BEEN CAPTURED BY SOMEONE FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIRST?

Naga_jere, now that they know youre here,
just wait and see.

.. WAS AN IMPOSTOR!?
WHAT!?
YOU MEAN THAT SANGA...
I DON'T KNOW WHEN THE SWITCH TOOK PLACE..
YES
WAS THE REAL SANGA CAPTURED BY THE VILLAGE OF THE FIRST?
BUT HE HAD ACCESS TO THE TEMPLES,
SO HE MUST HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE THEM A LOT OF INFORMATION.

I'M NOT REALLY SURE
Village of the first...?
Hehe... that's right.
HE DIDN'T SOUND COMPLETELY TRUTHFUL
AND THE ARROW THAT SHOT ME WAS ALSO FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIRST
IT APPEARS THAT KAZUHA'S ATTACKERS...
...WERE FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIRST.
BUT DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE THESE ARE VERY DELIBERATE CLUES?

AH, THAT'S RIGHT!
NAGARAJA, COULD THE PERPETRATOR BE SOMEONE YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH?
DO YOU KNOW ANY-THING?
THE WAY THAT DEMON SAID IT...
NO
WELL...

...IT COULD BE SOMEONE FROM THE SNAKE CLAN
HE WAS KILLED...
...THE ONE WE SENT INTO THE VILLAGE DISGUISED AS YOU.
!

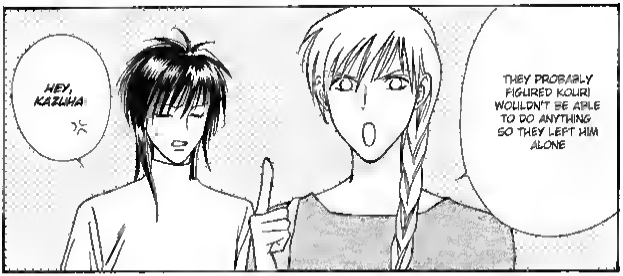
I THINK KOURI WILL COME LOOKING FOR YOU
DO YOU THINK HE LL MAKE IT THIS FAR?
DON'T YOU DARE LAY A FINGER ON KOURI!
OH, I DON'T KNOW...
DO YOU MEAN LIKE THIS...?
BY "LAYING A FINGER"...

THAT
WASN'T WHAT I MEANT
LET ME GO.

STOP RESISTING
MM
SANGA...
THAT'S RIGHT... CLOSE YOUR EYES.
THINK ONLY OF ME.

AHHH.. NOO!!
THE ENEMY THINKS THAT BY CAPTURING SANGA, OUR MOST TALENTED SHAMAN,
THEY WILL SET OUR VILLAGE ON THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION

AFTER ALL AT THAT TIME ONLY SANGA WAS ABLE TO PERFORM THE RAIN CEREMONY


HEY, KAZUHA
THEY PROBABLY FIGURED KOURI WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING SO THEY LEFT HIM ALONE

WELL THEY PROBABLY FELT LIKE THEY HAD A SMALL PROBLEM ON THEIR HANDS
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I WAS SHOT AT AND ALMOST KILLED DURING THE CEREMONY?

IN THE END BECAUSE OF KOURI,
THE SNAKE GOD WHO EVEN SANGA COULDN'T SUMMON APPEARED
SO NOW THAT THE ENEMY HAS NO USE LEFT FOR SANGA...
THEY MIGHT SIMPLY FINISH HIM OFF
WHAT ...!?

BUT UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHERE HE IS...
THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN DO
ACTUALLY, BEFORE THE DEMON DIED—
HE IMPLIED THAT THE SNAKE CLAN HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT
WHAT DO YOU THINK NAGARAJA?
NAGA CAN BE FOUND IN EACH VILLAGE FROM FIRST TO FIFTH...
SO IF WE DIRECTLY CALL ON EACH NAGA FROM EACH VILLAGE...
YOU WANT ME TO DO IT!?

I'VE LIVED HERE A LONG TIME.
YOU'RE RATHER WELL-INFORMED
ALL THOSE OF THE SNAKE CLAN LIVE UNDER THIS LAND GO THROUGH THERE
I HAVE TO SAVE SANGA!

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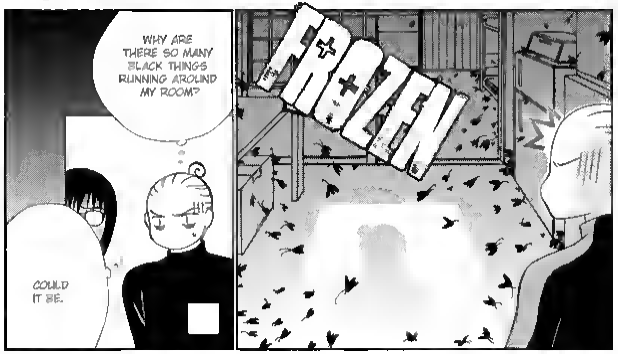
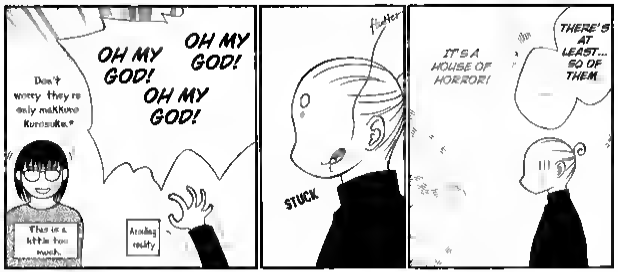
ONCE I LEFT FOR A LONG VACATION DURING THE SUMMER, AND WHEN I GOT HOME...
SO HOT
WHENEVER I THINK OF SUMMER I RECALL A LOT OF THINGS
ESPECIALLY THOSE LITTLE BLACK THINGS
THIS BOOK IS BEING PUBLISHED DURING A HEAT WAVE.
MAYBE I'LL ACTUALLY DIE FROM THE HEAT THIS YEAR





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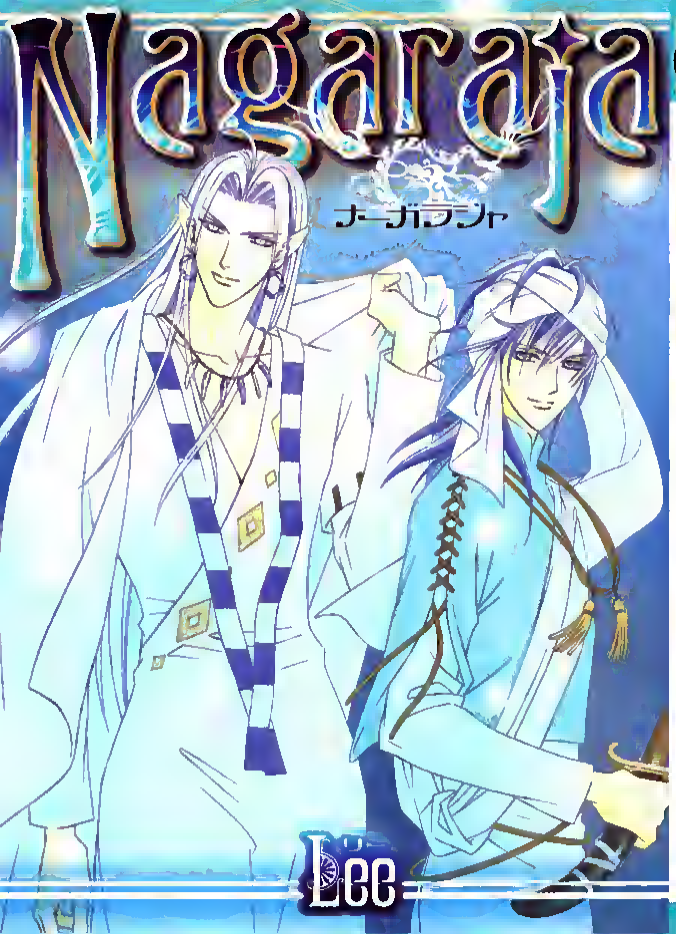

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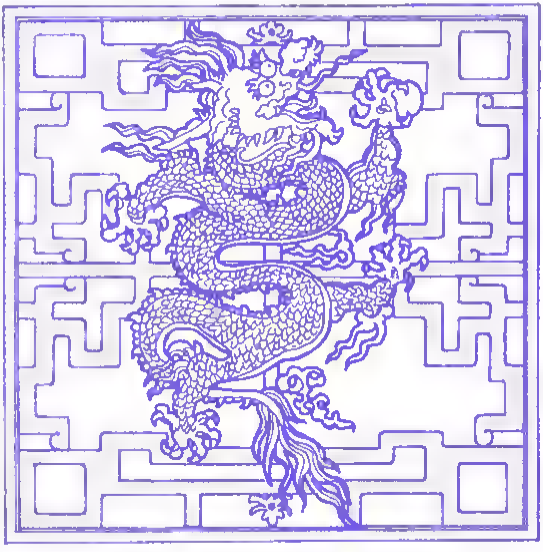

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HOW MANY DAYS HAS IT BEEN...?
WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE OF KEEPING ME HERE?
I CAN HUMILIATE YOU LIKE THIS
STOP DREAMING...

ha...
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST LET YOUR PRECIOUS KOURI SEE YOU LIKE THIS
IDIOTIC. FOR WHAT PURPOSE WOULD YOU
TO PASS THE TIME
MY HEART
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I CARED ABOUT ANY-THING

HEY, SHAMAN.
WHAT?
I'M CHANGING! DON'T JUST BARGE IN HERE!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
ARE YOU SHY?
YOU'RE STILL SO YOUNG
WHY ARE THERE SCARS ON YOUR BACK?
HUH?
OH... THOSE?
I'VE HAD THEM SINCE I WAS A CHILD

LET'S GO TO YOUR WORLD

LET ME TELL YOU IN ADVANCE THE ONLY REASON I'M BRINGING YOU IS BECAUSE OF YOUR SPECIAL STATUS
MORTALS WHO GO TO OUR WORLD
ARE NOT PERMITTED TO RETURN
THIS IS ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAVE MY SPHERE
THAT YOU ARE GRANTED SPECIAL TREATMENT
THAT DOESN'T SOUND PLEASANT

OH... WE'RE LEAVING FROM HERE?
THEN LET'S GO
HOPEFULLY WE CAN GATHER SOME USEFUL INFORMATION ONCE WE GET THERE

WE CAN LEAVE FROM ANYWHERE

WOW...
WE'RE... SINKING!

THIS IS.....

HEY SAJA
LONG TIME NO SEE! I HEARD THAT YOU BROUGHT A HUMAN WITH YOU?
RAADA!?
YOU'VE RETURNED?
THIS IS HIM
He has a name
HELLO NICE TO MEET...
OH MY!
Um...
SO YOUNG! HIS SKIN FEELS NICE!
WHAT A TASTY LOOKING HUMAN!

NA...
NAGARAJA! WHO IS...
OH... UH...
RA...
RAADA?
YES?
EVERYONE HERE IS A NAGARAJA.
SO YOU HAVE TO CALL ME BY NAME
AND THIS IS...

WHAT...
I AM THE NAGARAJA WHO GOVERNS THE VILLAGE OF THE FIRST.
MY NAME IS SAJA.
YES PRETTY-BOY?
DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?
OH... I'M LOOKING FOR MY OLDER BROTHER
HIS NAME IS SANGA, AGE 20
HE HAS LONG LIGHT BROWN HAIR DOWN TO HIS WAIST AND A CALM DEMEANOR

ANY IDEAS ?
HAVEN'T SEEN HIM.
REALLY
YOU SURE?
YEAH
THEN DO YOU KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIRST
HAS BEEN ATTACKING THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH?
WHAT?
SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HURT
WE HAVE AN ARROW FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIRST AS PROOF
DON'T BE STUPID.
OUR VILLAGERS WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT

MY VILLAGE WOULD NEVER DO THAT!
THAT PROOF YOU SPEAK OF IS AN ATTEMPT TO FRAME US!
SAYS SHE
HMM, THEN IS IT PEOPLE FROM SOME OTHER VILLAGE...?
I'LL ASK AROUND THE OTHER VILLAGES FOR YOU
WAIT HERE FOR A MINUTE
OKAY
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME RAADA HAS BROUGHT A MORTAL HERE
HE MUST REALLY LIKE YOU

WHEN HE WAS HELPING ME, HE SAID THAT IF I WAS KILLED HIS SPHERE WOULD BE DESTROYED TOO
HE JUST DIDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN
OH... IS THAT RIGHT?
THAT'S NOT IT... IT'S BECAUSE I ABSORBED THE POWERS OF HIS SPHERE
REALLY...?
EVEN IF YOU WERE KILLED
THE SPHERE WON'T BE DESTROYED
ACTUALLY ALL RAADA HAS TO DO IS KILL YOU AND HE'LL GET THE SPHERE BACK.
IT WOULD SAVE HIM A LOT OF TROUBLE
Kill me
IT'S CONSIDERATE OF HIM TO NOT DO IT

THERE ARE NO NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE SECOND OR THE FOURTH
THAT'S TOO BAD
DON'T WORRY SHAMAN
THERE IS STILL THE VILLAGE OF THE THIRD
OH... RIGHT
VILLAGE OF THE THIRD... IT'S RULED UNDER ALGOR.
ALGOR? I HATE FACING HIM.
He's GOOD years old
3 times your age
Don't ask about my age!
Good! Zeon?

.....
YOUR HEART... YOU DON'T FEEL ANY-THING...
...WHY?

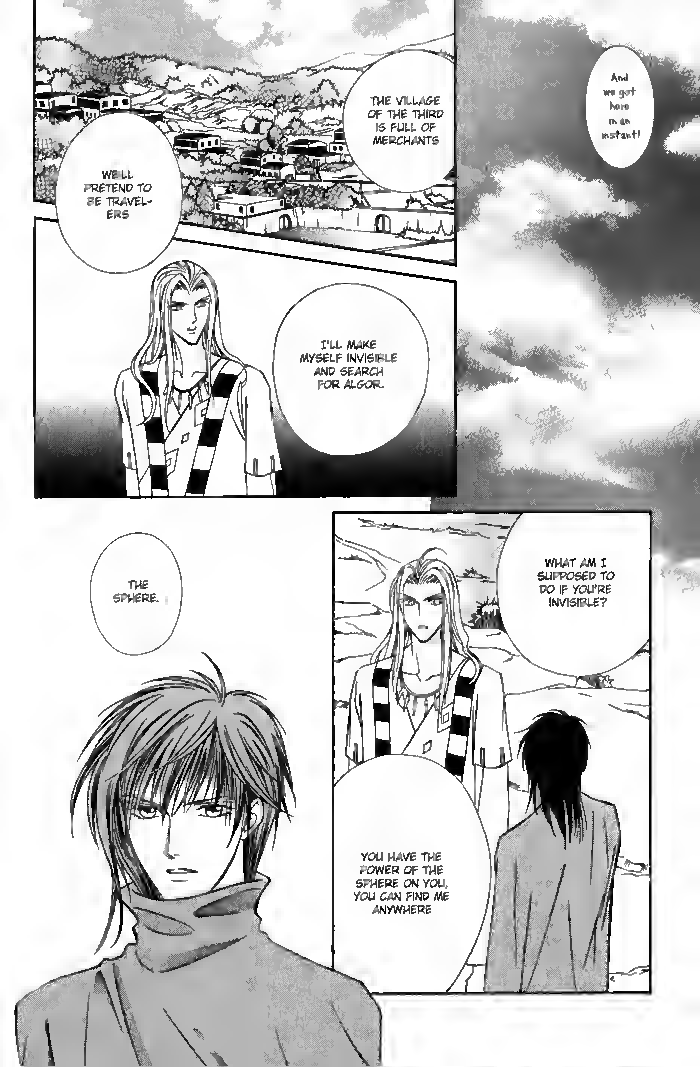
BECAUSE I'M IMMORTAL
SANGA.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO UNCHAIN YOU?
WHAT...?

HAVE I LOST MY USEFULNESS AS A HOSTAGE?
NO. I'VE JUST...
LOST INTEREST IN THAT VILLAGE
I'LL UNCHAIN YOU,
AND LET YOU GO FREE.
I WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU WILL CHOOSE

YOU ARE RECK-LESS
RECK-LESS?
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO RUN
YOU RAVAGE MY SOUL.
YOU ARE CRUEL
RUN?
YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN AWAY EVERYTHING
AND YOU ACT LIKE IT'S NOTHING

MASTER NAGARAJA
NO. WE CAN'T JUST LET HIM GO,
crash
I WAS THINKING, IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS SHAMAN,
WE COULD TRADE HIM FOR SOME MOUNTAINS OR RIVERS THAT YIELD SPHERES.
.....
IS EXTREMELY UGLY.
A GREEDY MORTAL LIKE YOU,

THAT IS...
THE VILLAGE OF THE THIRD.
IT'S AMAZING!
FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH IT COULD'VE TAKEN A 2 - 3 DAYS WALK TO GET HERE.


And we got here in an instant!
THE VILLAGE OF THE THIRD IS FULL OF MERCHANTS
WE'LL PRETEND TO BE TRAVELERS
I'LL MAKE MYSELF INVISIBLE AND SEARCH FOR ALGOR.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO IF YOU'RE INVISIBLE?
YOU HAVE THE POWER OF THE SPHERE ON YOU, YOU CAN FIND ME ANYWHERE
THE SPHERE.

REMEMBER WHEN YOU CAME TO HELP ME WHEN THAT FAKE SANGA ATTACKED ME?
I HEARD FROM SAJA THAT EVEN IF I D DIED, THE SPHERE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN DAMAGED
RAADA
WHAT?
SO I'M GLAD YOU SAVED ME BACK THEN
REALLY
THANK YOU
You're a stubborn one! ♥
WAH!
OKAY, LET'S GO!

IF SANGA WAS CAPTURED AND IS BEING HELD HOSTAGE HERE
THEN ALGOR IS MOST LIKELY HERE TOO
WE SHOULD GO TO THE TEMPLE
ALL RIGHT
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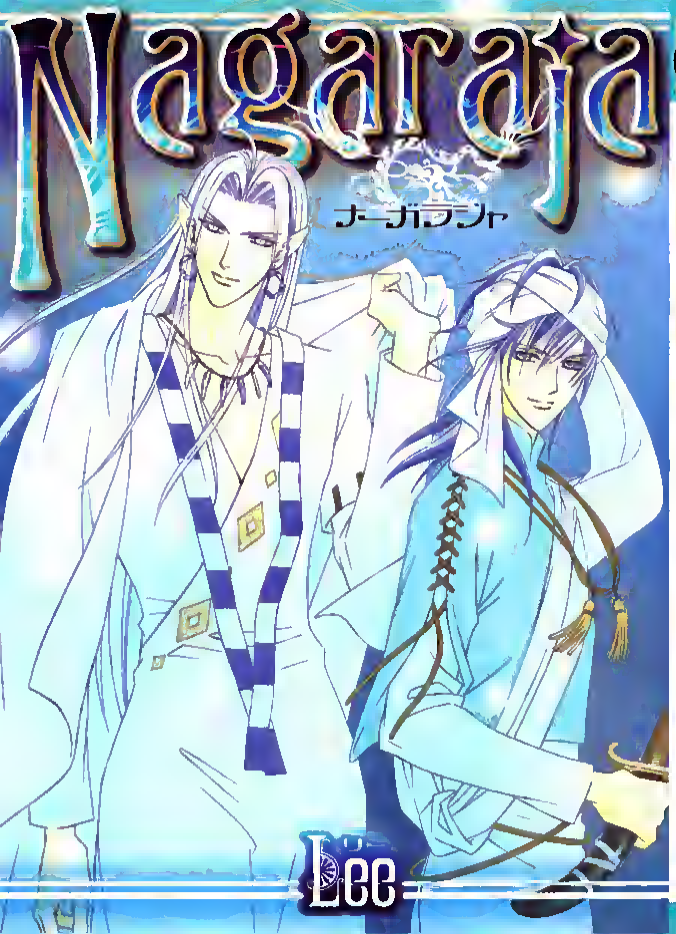

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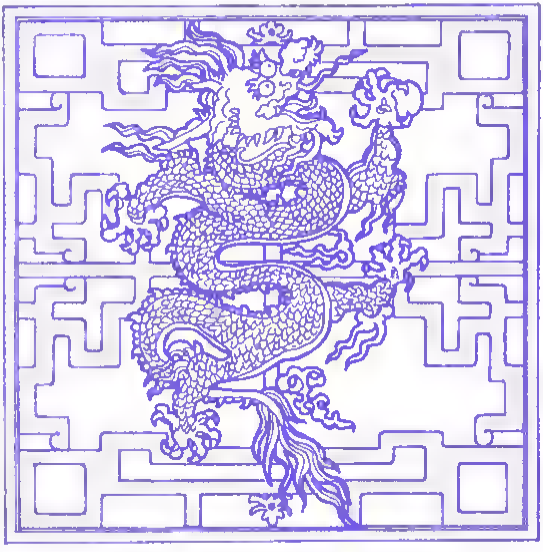

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HEY RAADA
YEAH?
DON'T JUST STROLL AROUND EATING
START LOOKING FOR SANGA ALREADY
AND THE CLOTH THAT SAJA GAVE YOU

HOW RUDE!
REALLY?
YOUR SENSE OF STYLE SUCKS
IT'S WEIRD
EH?
WELL, ANYWAY THIS IS REALLY TASTY
NO THANKS—
WANT TO TRY?
IT'S BECAUSE
I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT IN A WHILE
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'VE LIVED FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS
YOU— YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A KID

WITH EVERY LITTLE NAP I TAKE A HUNDRED YEARS PASS IN THE MORTAL REALM
WHEN I AWAKEN, EVERYTHING IS SO DIFFERENT
ALL MY FRIENDS SAY I SLACK OR RATHER, SLEEP TOO MUCH
BUT THOSE LIKE ALGOR WHO STAY IN THE MORTAL REALM FOR A LONG TIME MUST GET ATTACHED TO IT
WE SHOULD BE GOING
OF COURSE
RIGHT THIS WAY SHAMAN

I'LL BE TURNING INVISIBLE, SO I'LL LEAVE THIS WITH YOU
PEOPLE HERE MIGHT KNOW YOUR FACE
GET IT OFF
IT WON'T LOOK GOOD ON ME EITHER
COVER YOURSELF UP, AND DON'T STAND OUT JUST IN CASE
OKAY
!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU NEED THE ENERGY FROM THE OTHERE...
...IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
WHAT?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YOU DIDN'T GET MAD THIS TIME
HMM
WELL GOODBYE FOR NOW THEN
KEEP QUIET UNTIL I CALL FOR YOU

thump
thump
EH?
EH!?
I... WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME?
HE WAS JUST RECHARGING HIS ENERGY USING THE SPHERE...
IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT SAJA SAID...
IT'S MAKING ME THINK WEIRD THOUGHTS
I DON'T THINK HE CAN BRING HIMSELF TO DO IT, THOUGH
ALL HE HAS TO DO IS KILL YOU AND HE'LL GET BACK THE SPHERE

I AM FINE
THUMP!
HELLO. THERE WHAT'S THE MATTER?
DO YOU FEEL SICK?
PANT
WHAT A BEAUTY!
YOU'RE RIGHT
Leah
OH!
MISS. WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US?
JUST TO REST
!

I SAID THAT YOU SHOULD JUST COME WITH US
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
THAT'S RIGHT MISS JUST COME WITH US
WHO ARE YOU CALLING 'MISS'!?
PUNCH
STILL DON'T GET IT!?
STOMP
YOU
YOU'RE NOT A WOMAN!?

HE'S A MAN!
HMPH!
LOOKS LIKE A WOMAN!?
WHAT PART OF ME,
AH!
gasp!
BETTER HIDE
DAMN IT. AND NAGA TOLD ME NOT TO STAND OUT

HE COULDN'T BE...
SANGA

RAADA FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH IS CLOSE
RAADA IS HERE
HE USUALLY DOESN'T LEAVE THE AREA UNDER HIS CARE
WHO?
HE MUST BE HERE TO LOOK FOR YOU
MAYBE KOURI IS WITH HIM TOO
AREN'T YOU EXCITED? DO YOU THINK THEY'LL MAKE IT THIS FAR?
KOURI?
HOW COULD HE...?
WHAT!?

THE SHAMAN FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH WAS SEEN?
REALLY...
YOU!
...ARE YOU MASTER KOURI?
YOU ARE MASTER KOURI, RIGHT?
HUH?
I AM... FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH
YOU ARE HERE TO SEARCH FOR MASTER SANGA, AREN'T YOU?

MASTER...
WA... WAIT!
PLEASE FOLLOW ME.
DID THE NAGARAJA RAADA SEND YOU?
HM? OH, Y-YES...
COME ALONG NOW

PLEASE TAKE A SEAT INSIDE
I'M SORRY MASTER KOURI
WHAT!?
I'VE BEEN LOCKED IN!?
DAMN IT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
CLICK!

YES IT WAS SO EASY TO LEAD HIM OUT
IS HE OKAY!?
DON'T WORRY, HE'S STILL ALIVE
SCREECH
YOU ARE THE OTHER SHAMAN FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH CORRECT?
BOTH YOU AND SANGA ARE SO TRUSTING
IS THAT A SHARED TRAIT AMONG SHAMANS?
SANGA
SO HE IS HERE...
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOOK SANGA!
BUT THE WAY HE'S LIVING RIGHT NOW.. HE'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD
SINCE OUR DRAGON KING TOOK SUCH A LIKING TO SANGA

ORIGINALLY I WAS GOING TO KILL HIM, BUT SINCE I FIGURED I COULD USE HIM TO THREATEN THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH.
SO I KEPT HIM ALIVE
RIGHT NOW
HE'S KEEPING OUR DRAGON KING COMPANY...
WHA-
BUT IT'S ONLY BECAUSE OF SANGA THAT I WAS ABLE TO LURE YOU HERE
HE WAS THE PERFECT BAIT...
WITH BOTH SHAMANS IN MY HANDS THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH IS PRACTICALLY MINE ONCE I HAVE THE VILLAGE
I'LL KILL BOTH OF YOU
I WELCOME YOU HERE, MY FOOLISH SORCERER.

ENJOY YOUR STAY
HEY... WAIT A MINUTE!
SO, WHERE IS MY REWARD? YOU SAID YOU WERE GIVING ME JEWELS
ONCE I HAVE THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH, I'LL HAVE MOUNTAINS OF JEWELS
THERE IS MUCH FOR YOU TO BE EXCITED ABOUT
DAMN IT!
SLAM

HURRY UP AND SAVE ME, RAADA!
bang!
HE'S IMPULSIVE
BUT HE MIGHT NOT
HOMMA
I DON'T KNOW HOW I COULD EVER MAKE IT UP TO GRANNY, WHO RAISED ME AS AN ORPHAN.
I'M THE ONE WHO LET THE VILLAGE DOWN
THIS IS MY RESPONSIBILITY ..
RAADA WOULDN'T CARE IF THE VILLAGE WAS TAKEN.
stagger
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
WHO'S CRYING!?
ARE YOU CRYING, SHAMAN?

RAADA!
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT FOR ME
YOU IDIOT
SHUT UP!
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WAS SLOW!
I'M HERE TO SAVE YOU AND STILL YOU'RE SO MEAN
IT WAS DIFFICULT ENOUGH LOOKING FOR SANGA, I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD GET CAPTURED TOO
IT WAS SUCH A HASSLE MAKING THE GUARDS FAINT
I THOUGHT

I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T COME AT ALL!
IT'S INTERESTING HOW YOU CAN BE ANGRY AND CRY AT THE SAME TIME
I'M NOT CRYING!
RIGHT... OKAY LET'S GO
IT'S A TEMPLE, AS I THOUGHT
IT WAS PRETTY FAR FROM THE VILLAGE CENTER, SO IT WAS HARD TO FIND

KOURI!
SANGAI
barlog

slice
YOU WERE CHAINED UP ALL THIS TIME!?
KOURI
I'M HERE TO SAVE YOU, SANGA
LET'S RUN!
SO YOU'RE KOURI?

ALGOR!
LONG TIME NO SEE, RAAD.
IS THIS MORTAL THE MASTER OF YOUR SPHERE?

I GAVE SANGA TO HIM
HE'S THE ONE...
BUT THE WAY HE'S LIVING RIGHT NOW, HE'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD
SO HE'S ALGOR...
flicker
I WON'T FORGIVE HIM!
HE DID THIS TO SANGA
KOURI?

WHAT ARE THESE POWERS!?
shhoooosh
shrrrrrriiiccccck
AH!
SLASH

NEXT TIME, I'LL AIM TO KILL!
YOU'RE NOT HUMAN
YOU CAN ACTUALLY HARM A DRAGON GOD PHYSICALLY... WHATEVER YOU ARE, KOURI.
KOURI, WAIT
...DON'T HURT HIM.
SANGAI? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY

boom
ALL RIGHT!
HE'S NOT DODGING!?

!?
WHY?
STOP IT, KOURI!
ARGH!
SANGA!!

SANGA!
SAN-
RUSTLE
RIP
flap

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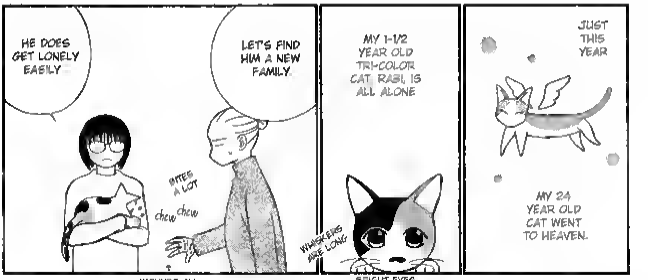
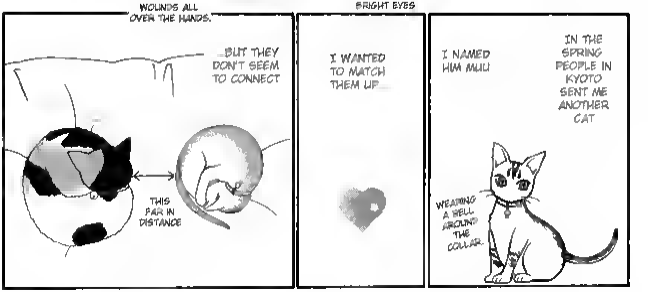
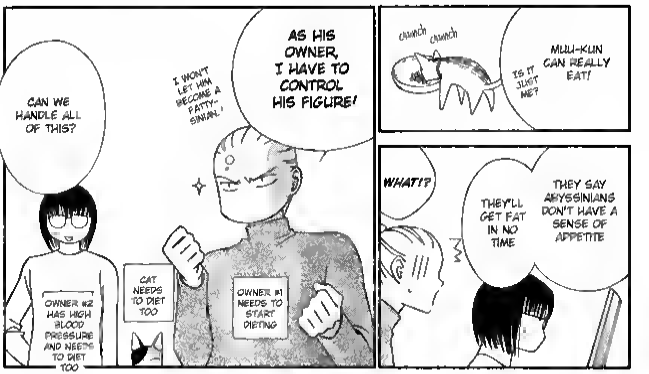

HE DOES GET LONELY EASILY
LET'S FIND HIM A NEW FAMILY
BITES A LOT
chew chew
WOUNDS ALL OVER THE HANDS.
MY 1-1/2 YEAR OLD TRI-COLOR CAT, RABI, IS ALL ALONE
WHISKERS ARE LONG
BRIGHT EYES
JUST THIS YEAR
MY 24 YEAR OLD CAT WENT TO HEAVEN.


...BUT THEY DON'T SEEM TO CONNECT
THIS FAR IN DISTANCE
I WANTED TO MATCH THEM UP...
I NAMED HIM MUU
IN THE SPRING PEOPLE IN KYOTO SENT ME ANOTHER CAT
WEARING A BELL AROUND THE COLLAR.


CAN WE HANDLE ALL OF THIS?
I WON'T LET HIM BECOME A FATTY-SINJAL!
AS HIS OWNER, I HAVE TO CONTROL HIS FIGURE!
OWNER #2 HAS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND NEEDS TO DIET TOO
CAT NEEDS TO DIET TOO
OWNER #1 NEEDS TO START DIETING
crunch crunch
IS IT JUST ME?
MUU-KUN CAN REALLY EAT!
WHAT!?
THEY'LL GET FAT IN NO TIME
THEY SAY ABYSSINIANS DON'T HAVE A SENSE OF APPETITE

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<kikiireru>lets whore it out, with a request message.
<kikiireru> @_@
<kikiireru>haka i need your witty humor, something to get translators to join us
<kikiireru> >.<
<hakanai-[work]> oooh. *ponders*
<hakanai-[work]> a haiku: a stable of bisb / for those Japanese fluent / nakama owns all okay kidding...
<hakanai-[work]> errr... the wit fails me today. o.o
* kikiireru kicks
<kikiireru>: for some reason ppl are scared of nakama
<hakanai-[work]> hehe. i suppose it's because you've been around forever. and take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> but who wants shit anyway.
<hakanai-[work]> wanted: japanese translators who take no shit.
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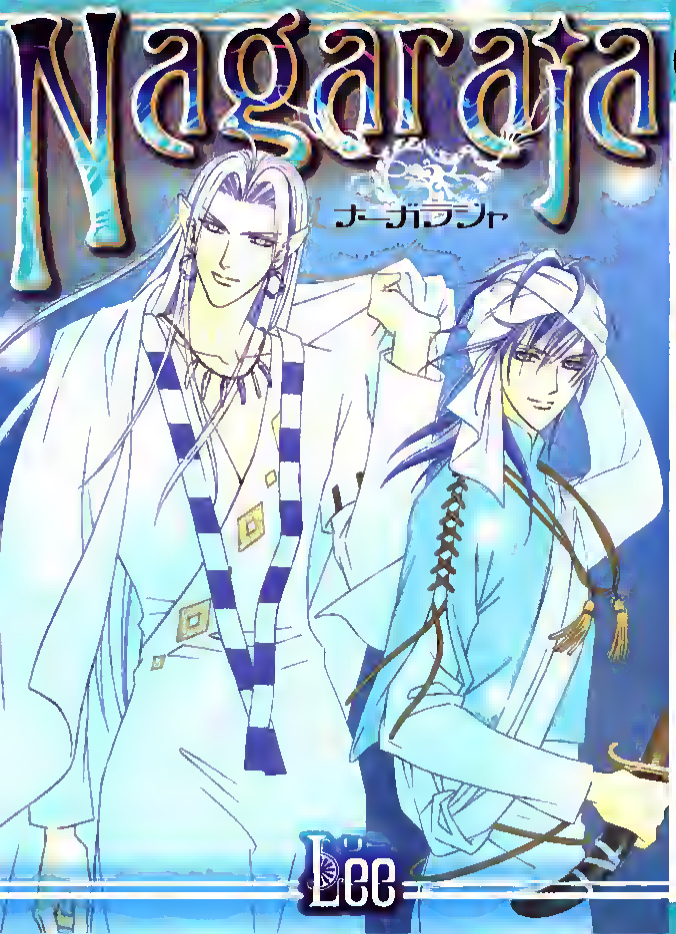

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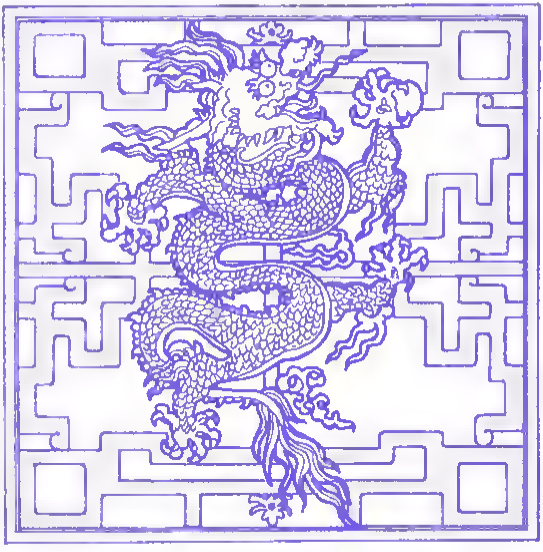
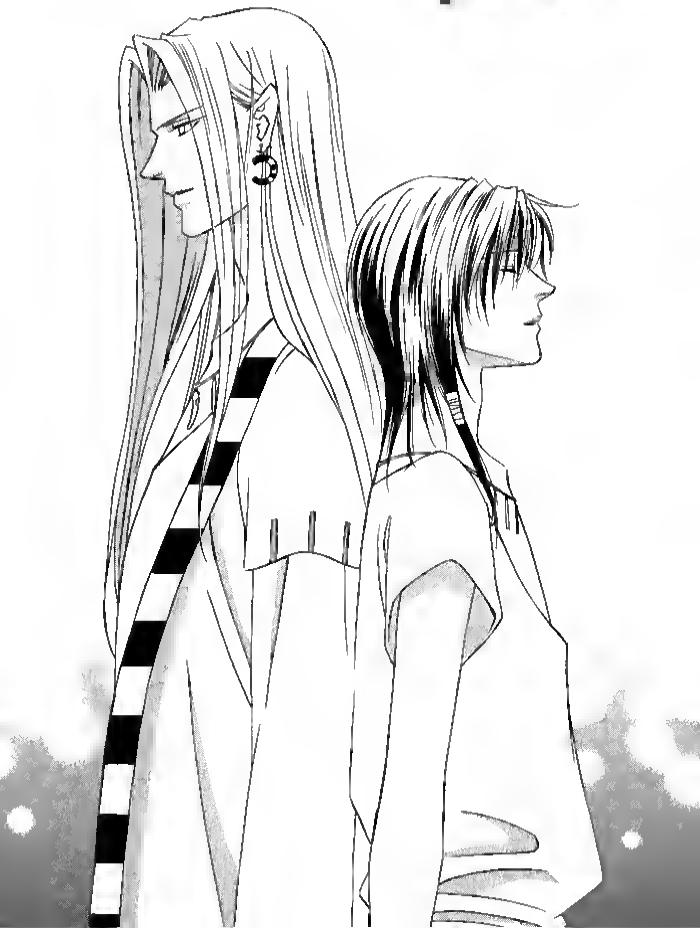


GRANNY
KOURI WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
WHY DO I LOOK LIKE THIS?
I'M NOT HUMAN AM I?
RIGHT NOW YOU'RE HUMAN
YOU JUST HAVE TO REMEMBER KOURI
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU BECOME IN THE FUTURE
I'LL SEAL YOUR WINGS AWAY
NO MATTER HOW LONELY YOU FEEL OR HOW MUCH PAIN YOU ENDURE YOU MUSTN'T CHOOSE TO END YOUR LIFE
ONE DAY YOU'LL MEET SOMEONE WHO CAN ACCEPT YOU COMPLETELY, JUST LIKE GRANNY DOES BE STRONG



SHAMAN!

SANGA!
SHAMAN!
WINGS...
NO WONDER YOU CAN HARM ME.
YOU ARE OF THE SACRED BIRDS' BLOOD-LINE?

RACE OF THE SACRED BIRDS?
YOU'RE SAYING...
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?
I'M OF THE SACRED BIRDS ?
SHAMAN!
SANGA IS
SANGA...
SO MUCH BLOOD!
IT'S ALL MY FAULT

IT'S DEEP,
WE HAVE TO HURRY
IT'S BECAUSE OF ME...
SANGA...
THWACK
SNAP OUT OF IT!
I'LL LEND YOU MY POWERS HURRY AND USE THE SPHERE!
OH...

GIVE ME YOUR HAND
FOCUS YOUR ENERGY...
...AND HEAL HIS WOUNDS.

DON'T DIE... SANGA.

twitch
SANGA!
NGH....

WASN'T I FALLING ?
AM I DEAD?
KOURI
I'M SORRY, SANGA...
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OKAY
WINGS...
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SAVED ME?
AH...
YOU CAN SEE THEM...?
flap
THIS THIS IS...
KOURI

I SAW IT WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.
I KNEW
SANGA...
KOURI, NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE...
...YOU ARE STILL MY PRECIOUS YOUNGER BROTHER
YOU WERE HURTING WEREN'T YOU?
AFTER GRANDMOTHER DIED YOU HAD NO ONE TO TALK TO
I ALWAYS SAW YOU CRYING SECRETLY

THE VILLAINY IS THAT MAN'S DOING
HE WASN'T THE ONE
KOURI
SO...
WHO WAS PLANNING TO TAKE OVER OUR VILLAGE.
PLEASE DON'T KILL ALGOR
DON'T SPEAK ANYMORE, SANGA.
HE WAS JUST BEING USED BY SOMEONE WHO DOES

DO YOU WANT TO DIE THAT BADLY?
YOU PLEASE JUST REST.
YES
YOU'RE RIGHT
YOU COULD HAVE KILLED ME
A MORTAL'S LIFE IS SHORT
WHEN THE ONE YOU LOVE DISAPPEARS IN FRONT OF YOU LIKE SAND. THE CONSTANT PAIN IS UNBEARABLE.
AFTER A WHILE, A NUMBNESS TAKES OVER.

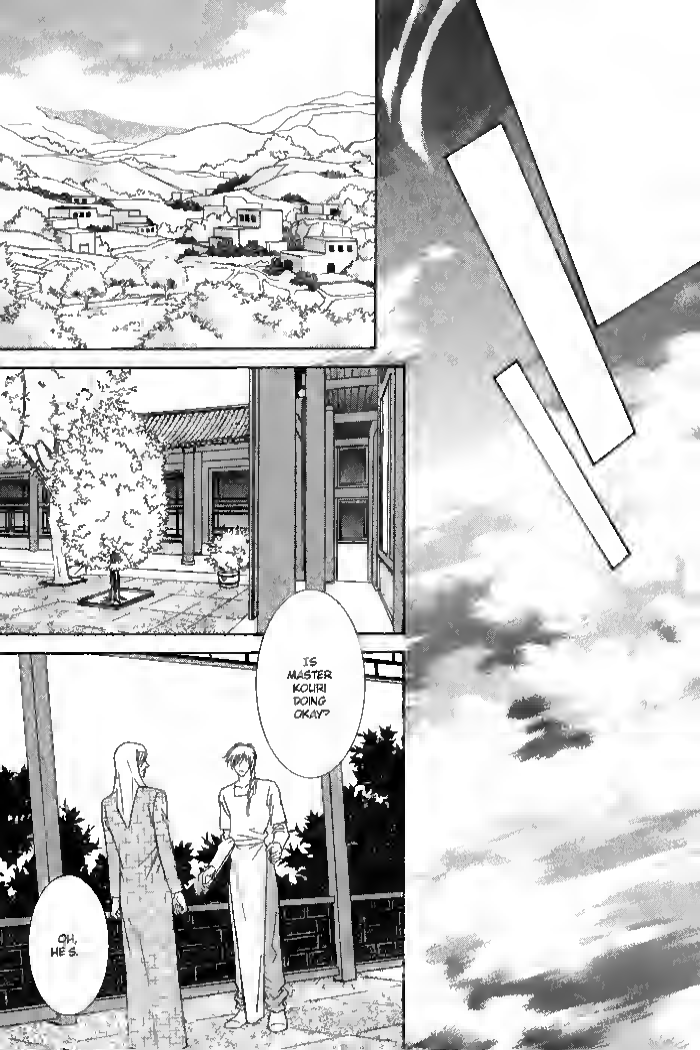
SO I WANTED SOMEONE TO END IT FOR ME...
I STILL HAVE A LONG LIFE TO LIVE
I'VE BECOME AS UNFEELING AS A STONE...
I KNEW THEY WERE POISONING ME LITTLE BY LITTLE...
I WANT TO BE NUMB BECOME AN UNTHINKING PUPPET
BUT WHEN I REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS, IT HURTS SO MUCH
I'M GOING CRAZY SO I WOULD RATHER DIE THAN FEEL THAT WAY

BUT SINCE SANGA TRIED TO SAVE YOU WITH HIS LIFE
IT MUST MEAN THAT YOUR LIFE IS STILL WORTH SOMETHING
THERE IS NO WAY I CAN FEEL YOUR PAIN
DON'T DIE
BECAUSE I CAN'T COMPLETELY FORGIVE YOU,
JUST RETURN TO YOUR OWN WORLD

SANGA
I'M SORRY...
I

WHAT?
ALGOR! WAIT!
AH...

SANGA
SANGA...
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
CAPTURE THEM!
HERE!
THE SHAMANS ARE HERE!
WAH...!
YOU TWO...
WE'RE FLYING TO THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH!


IS MASTER KOLIRI DOING OKAY?
OH, HE'S.

HE'S STILL RUNNING A HIGH FEVER.
REALLY EVER SINCE HE RETURNED, IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT
.....
HMM...
YOU LOOK SO CUTE WHEN YOU'RE SICK
IT MAKES ME WANT TO PROTECT YOU
HEE

YOU'RE AWAKE
HEY, WHERE IS SANGAT? IS HE OKAY?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, RAADA?
I feel awful.
IT TOOK SO MUCH WORK TO RESCUE HIM...
AND THIS IS HOW IT TURNS OUT
SAME OLD
HE DOESN'T EAT MUCH, JUST STARES OUT THE WINDOW ALL THE TIME
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM. I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK

You look unsteady on your feet.
Should I carry you?
NO THAT'S DISGUSTING
CAN'T YOU USE YOUR POWERS TO MAKE THIS FEVER GO AWAY?
IT'S TOO BAD BUT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER RIGHT NOW.
YOU CAN JUST LEND ME MY SPHERE AND I'LL HEAL YOU RIGHT UP
Don't be shy now ♥
HEY!
MASTER SANGA
PLEASE EAT EVEN JUST A LITTLE

I'M SORRY
PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE
MASTER SANGA
THANK YOU, KUZUHA, FOR WORRYING
CAN YOU PLEASE LEAVE NOW?
I'LL BE LEAVING

I'M SORRY.
WHY DID HE APOLOGIZE TO ME?
SANGA...
WHAT!?

YOU ARE SO CRUEL!
EVEN IF I AM NO LONGER CHAINED, YOU ALREADY STOLE MY HEART.
AH!
DO YOU REALLY CHOOSE ME?

I CAN UNDER-STAND...
...THAT FEELING IN YOUR HEART...
...THAT LONE-LINESS...

KOURI,
I'M SORRY...
!
SANGA
SANGA!!

Sanga!
THE VILLAGE OF THE THIRD—
WILL BE IN TROUBLE NOW WITHOUT THEIR NAGARAJA
SINCE ALGOR HAS ESCAPED WITH A HUMAN
TO THE LOWEST LEVEL IN THE NAGA-RAJA'S WORLD
THE LOWEST LEVEL?
IT'S A DESERTED PLACE

DESERTED HUH?
AS LONG AS THE TWO OF THEM ARE TOGETHER, THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T CARE ABOUT THAT
MOST OF THE NARAGAJAS WON'T EVEN WANT TO GO THERE
WHAT?
OH, I'M SO TIRED, I WANT TO FIND A NICE PLACE TO REST TOO.
SORRY TO INTERRUPT!
NARAGAJA, WE'VE PREPARED THE BANQUET. PLEASE ENJOY YOURSELF!
Oh, I'll be right ♥ there.
SINCE WHEN
Really now

GRANNY...
AM I ALONE ONCE AGAIN?
I'LL BE LONELY...
MORTALS WHO TRAVEL TO THAT REALM
ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR WORLD
WHEN HE WAS APART FROM THE PERSON HE LOVED MOST, SANGA WAS SO SAD.
HE LOOKED LIKE HE HAD GIVEN UP ON LIFE.
AS LONG AS I'M IN YOUR HEART, AS YOUR IMPORTANT LITTLE BROTHER...
...THEN, THAT'S ENOUGH.
SANGA...

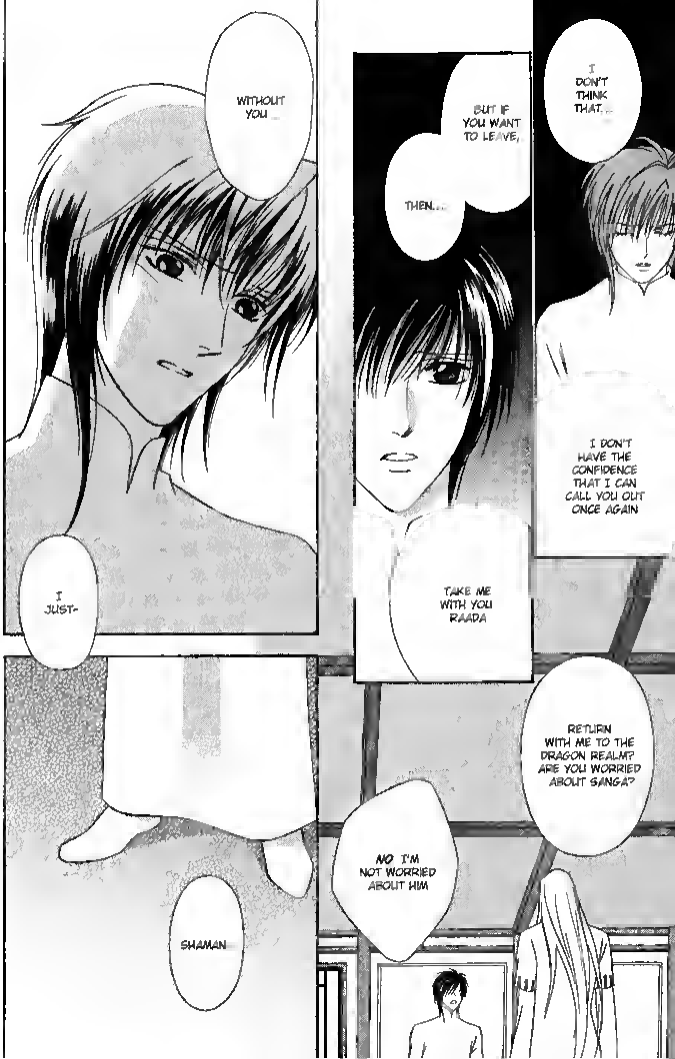
HMM.
HUH?
WAH IT'S SO QUIET.
I THOUGHT THERE WAS A BANQUET
IS HE DRUNK?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR NARA-GAJA?
REALLY?
HE LEFT AFTER THE BANQUET.
HE LEFT?

THAT GUY...
RETURNED TO THE DRAGON REALM?
DID HE...
I WANT TO FIND A PLACE TO REST PROPERLY
OH YEAH HE SAID YESTERDAY...
WAS HE LEFT?
DID HE .
EVERY TIME I SLEEP, A 100 YEARS PASS IN THE MORTAL WORLD.
ONCE I'M AWAKE THINGS ARE SO DIFFERENT.

HE WON'T RETURN ANY-MORE?
thump
IF HE WANTS TO LEAVE THAT'S HIS BUSINESS
HA...
REALLY NOW...WHAT AM I SO NERVOUS ABOUT?
COULD I CALL HIM?
WHEN HE'S NOT HERE
COME ON...I START THINKING WEIRD THINGS
IT'S NO GOOD I CAN'T CONCEN-TRATE
RAADA...
RAADA...!
RAADA!!

WHAT SHOULD I DO? I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE
TO TELL HIM ANYTHING
OH
YOU'RE AWAKE
I THOUGHT YOU WENT BACK?
THE FEVER SEEMS TO HAVE GONE DOWN
THAT'S GOOD

I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T SEE YOU ANYMORE
I WENT TO THANK SAJA
OH? YEAH...
SHE WAS REALLY MAD WHEN SHE FOUND OUT THAT I HAD LOST THE CLOAK SHE'D LENT ME.
WHY ARE YOU SO DOWN?
DON'T GO...
HUH?
I WON'T GET TO SEE YOU ANY-MORE
IF YOU LEAVE... AND GO BACK TO SLEEP...

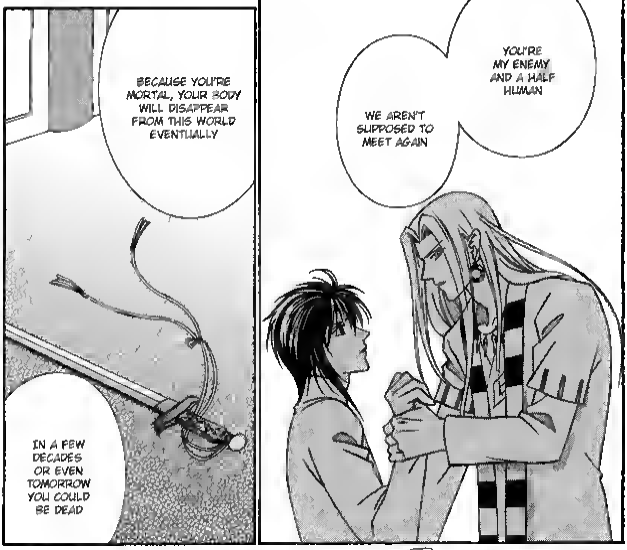

I DON'T THINK THAT...
BUT IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE,
THEN...
I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE THAT I CAN CALL YOU OUT ONCE AGAIN
TAKE ME WITH YOU RAADA
WITHOUT YOU...
I JUST-
RETURN WITH ME TO THE DRAGON REALM? ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT SANGA?
NO I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT HIM
SHAMAN

EVEN IF YOU HAVE MY SPHERE
I STILL CAN'T TAKE YOU WITH ME
IS IT BECAUSE I HAVE THE BLOOD OF THE SACRED BIRDS IN ME?
YES THE SACRED BIRDS AND THE DRAGONS ARE ENEMIES!
PLUS I DESPISE BIRDS!
THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN LIVE IN MY WORLD
YOU WANT TO BE ENEMIES WITH ME?
BUT ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU SAID?
I DON'T WANT TO BE SOMEONE OF THE RACE OF THE SACRED BIRDS ... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
OF COURSE NOT!

PLUS THE RACE OF THE SACRED BIRDS HAVE EATEN DRAGONS TO LIVE!
THE GRUDGE BETWEEN THE TWO RACES HAD STARTED MANY YEARS AGO
THEY DESPISE EACH OTHER
IF IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS THAT YOU HATE ME...
THEN CUT OFF MY WINGS
OR JUST KILL ME
YOU...

BUT I WAS RAISED AS A HUMAN
I DON'T KNOW WHERE I CAME FROM,
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN PAIN I'M AFRAID OF BEING ALONE
DO YOU KNOW HOW PAINFUL THE DAYS AFTER YOU LEFT WERE?
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE ONLY SEPARATED FOR A SHORT TIME.
BUT SUCH SHORT TIMES LIKE THESE THEY MEAN NOTHING TO YOU, DO EY?
THEN YOU'LL COME BACK IN A HUNDRED YEARS TO COLLECT YOUR SPHERE AFTER I DIE
SHAMAN...
THEN JUST KILL ME NOW!

KOURI!
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU CALLED ME BY MY NAME
YOU'RE ACTUALLY MAD ENOUGH TO START CRYING


BECAUSE YOU'RE MORTAL, YOUR BODY WILL DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD EVENTUALLY
IN A FEW DECADES OR EVEN TOMORROW YOU COULD BE DEAD
YOU'RE MY ENEMY AND A HALF HUMAN
WE AREN'T SUPPOSED TO MEET AGAIN

BUT I WANT TO KEEP YOU BY MY SIDE

BUT EVEN IF IT'S ONLY FOR TODAY
MAYBE IN A SHORT TIME WE'LL BE SEPARATED
KOURI, I WANT
AS LONG AS YOU NEED ME
...YOU TO STAY BY MY SIDE.

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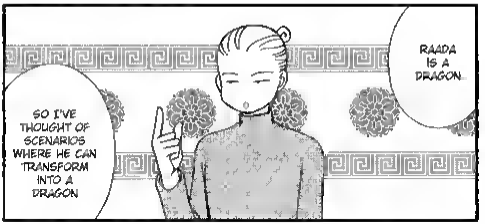

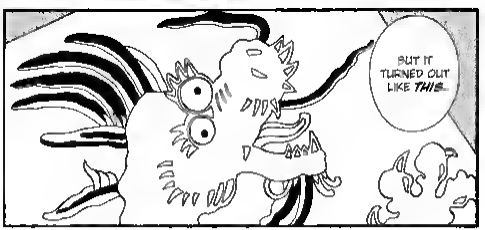

I HAVE TO IMPROVE ON MY DRAWING SKILLS
I THINK EVEN IF THEY WERE IN LOVE FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, SEEING THIS WOULD COOL THEIR PASSIONS QUICKLY
THIS IS RAADA?

CAGE

THE WINDOWS ARE LOCKED
I SPEND ALL DAY IN THIS ROOM.
THE EXIT HAS TWO DOORS.
BUT THERE IS NO WAY FOR ME TO ESCAPE
IN HERE
THIS IS THE SORCERER FROM THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH. HIS NAME IS SANGA
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM.

WE'RE PLANNING ON HAVING SOMEONE IMPERSONATE THIS SORCERER.
SO THEY CAN SNEAK INTO THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH TO GATHER INFORMATION
WHAT...!?
HE IS THE NAGARAJA FOR THE VILLAGE OF THE THIRD.
HIS NAME IS ALGOR.
I GOT IT. I'LL FIND ONE OF OURS TO GET INTO THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH.
MAKE THEM EXACTLY ALIKE
MAKE SURE NO ONE WOULD THINK THE REAL ONE WAS HERE

YOU BELONG TO THE RACE OF THE DRAGONS!
WHY WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BE A LACKEY FOR SOMEONE LIKE HIM?
WHERE IS YOUR PRIDE?
...
LORD TENMA.
YES?
CAN YOU...
LET ME DEAL WITH HIM?
OH,
YOU MEAN THIS HIGH AND MIGHTY SHAMAN?
YOU SEEM TO LIKE HIM?
OKAY, DO WITH HIM AS YOU PLEASE..

YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT JUST DON'T KILL HIM
HE IS A VERY IMPORTANT HOSTAGE
I'M LEAVING
YOU'RE CALLED SANGA?
I CAN SEE FROM YOUR STRAIGHT-FORWARD GAZE
BECAUSE YOUR EYES THEY GIVE OFF SUCH AN INNOCENT SHINE
YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO GREW UP BEING LOVED
YOUR LITTLE BROTHER IS SO NAIVE AND CUTE
THAT PERSON CALL KOURI HAS TAKEN THE BAIT

IF YOU LAY A FINGER ON KOURI, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
THEN DO EVERY-THING I SAY.
DON'T YOU DARE HURT MY FAMILY
YOU SEEM TO REALLY BABY YOUR BROTHER.
BUT THIS ROOM...
IT SEEMED AS IF IT WAS FILLED WITH A STRANGE SCENT. WHAT IS THAT SCENT?
SO I JUST COMPLIED OBEDI-ENTLY.

IS IT JUST ME?
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S MESMERIZED BY THIS SCENT.
HOLD ON! LET ME SEE THAT
THIS SCENT IS...
POISON!
YOU CAN'T DRINK THIS!
IT HAS BEEN POISONED!

YOU'RE SHARP. I GUESS BEING A SORCERER, YOU MUST KNOW A LOT ABOUT POISONS TOO?
YOU KNEW?
YOU STILL DRANK IT, KNOWING IT WAS POISONED?
YOU... DO YOU WANT TO DIE?
I WISH I COULD.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
THEN I COULD BE WITH THE ONES I LOVE

THE DRAGON RACE ARE IMMORTAL
THEY'RE ALWAYS WATCHING PEOPLE THEY LOVE LEAVE THEM
HIS PAINED EXPRESSION
FROM THEN ON
I WAS ATTRACTED BY THE LOOK IN HIS EYES
YOU ARE TREACHEROUS!
POISONING YOUR OWN VILLAGE'S NAGARAJA AND FORCING HIM INTO SUBMISSION!
OH MY

A MERE SHAMAN...
I WON'T HAVE YOU OBJECT ON OUR WAY OF DOING THINGS
COME!
SOMEONE CHAIN THIS SHAMAN UP!
SANGA...

I JUST SAID WHAT I WANTED TO SAY
WHO TOLD YOU TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY LIKE THAT?
THERE IS STILL KOURI
HE POSSESSES A MYSTERIOUS POWER.
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE CRYING AND BEGGING FOR FORGIVENESS
I WON'T
EVEN IF I WAS KILLED
THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN CONQUER THE VILLAGE OF THE FIFTH

ALL THESE DAYS OF IMPRISONMENT HUMILIATION NOT KNOWING WHETHER YOU'LL DIE OR LIVE...
YOU ARE GOING THROUGH SO MUCH...
AND YET YOUR EYES THEY ARE STILL SO CLEAR...
DO YOU HATE ME?
YES, I HATE YOU.
VERY MUCH
I'VE BECOME A PRISONER.

IT IS THE NAGARAJA WITH THE SAD EYES,
WHO HAS CAPTURED MY HEART
CAGE / END